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And when these things
begin to come to pass,
then look up and lift up
your heads, for your re-
demption draweth nigh.
Luke 21:28.



What manner of persons
ought ye to be in all
holy conversation and
godliness, looking for
and hastening the com-
ing of the day of God?
2 Peter 3:12.

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THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH

(James 5:8)

These words in many circles bring startling confusion to the people of God, due to the simple fact that people have not studied deeply into the Word of God, and there are many today who still declare that there is no possible way of telling when the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back to earth again. Many believe that someday He is coming, but when you begin to speak of the time of His coming, they lose interest at once, citing the words of Scripture which say that no man knoweth the day or the hour in which the Son of Man cometh. They say it may be a million years from now before He comes. Many students of the Word use this Scripture as a basis for resting on the oar, and say, "you cannot tell anything about it, and I'm not going to spend my time or energy trying to discover something that the Lord declares cannot be known." But truly those who have never studied the subject are very incompetent to speak upon it, for they are forgetful of the Scripture which declares, "it is not given for you to know the times, or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power," was spoken directly to the people of that genera-

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WHEN HE COMES

In gentle voice He came to you,
Much He desired to say.
Earth's discordant sounds
Held you spellbound;
And—so He went away,
And you did not hear Him.

A loving task was in His hand,
Which He desired you to do.
With other things you were occupied
The long day through, then too—
You missed His best for you,
For you did not see Him.

His touch would have thrilled you,
Given you quickening power.
So engrossed in earthly things were
you,
Though you thought His will to do,
You heard Him not in that hour
And so—you did not feel Him.

Will you also miss that blessed hope
Beyond compare, be busy here and
there
When triumphant in the skies He ap-
pears?
Will the blessing of His love
Be yours through eternal years?
If so—you dare not miss Him.

JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER OR HOW TO RE- CEIVE DIVINE HEALING

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If you are desiring the help of
the Lord for your physical afflic-
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OH, LOVE THAT WOULD NOT LET ME GO

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He made a new covenant with
Israel, sealing it with His own
blood, taking her through a course
of discipline through the years
planting His law in her heart, ful-
filling the words of Jeremiah the
prophet spoke concerning her.
"Thus saith the Lord, The people
which were left of the sword found
grace in the wilderness; even Is-
rael, when I went to cause her to
rest." (Jer. 31:2.)

In this manner Israel became,
in the words of Paul, the apostle,
the circumcision which worship
God in the Spirit, and rejoice in
Christ Jesus and have no confi-
dence in the flesh." (Phil. 3:3.)

In the New Covenant, "Circum-

cision is that of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men but of God." (Rom. 2:29.) All this is a direct fulfillment of the instruction which Moses gave to the children of Israel when He described the kind of circumcision which would be practised by them in the latter days after the Lord had turned back their captivity, when he said, "The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." (Deut. 36:6.)

Thus according to the words of Moses, Israel was to be a people who in the closing dispensation would become circumcised in heart, for although they did become scattered among the Gentiles, completely losing their identity, yet they were ever seen by the watchful eye of God, their mighty Lover.

Comfort to Israel

What wondrous meaning do all these facts give to the counsel of the Lord, spoken through the prophet Isaiah. "Fear not for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more." Thus He made plain that the time would come when she would not remember her divorced condition and He declared to her, "Thy maker is thy husband; The Lord of Hosts is his name; and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; the Lord of the whole earth, shall He be called.

For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth when thou wast refused, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee, but

with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer . . . For the mountain shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee; neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy upon thee." (Isa. 54:4-10.)

It should ever be borne in mind that this line of truth will not be made clear to the mind of the student of the Word unless they continually recognize and keep separate in their minds the clear distinction in the Word of God, between the two separate kingdoms of the descendants of Jacob, namely, the Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Ten-Tribed Israel.

The great mistake of many of our men of learning and students of the Word is that they assume that all Israelites are Jews and that all who are born of the line of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are Jews.

A careful study of the Word of God by any one, even those of a limited education, makes very plain that racially the Jews are only a part of the descendants of Judah, the head of the tribe of Judah. But the word Jew as it is used in the Bible has a much broader meaning than just to designate a racial group. It was also used to designate one's religious views. The use of the term Jew in a religious sense is used to designate those who are of the Jewish faith, who worship in the synagogue. Many of these might be of different races, not of Israel stock at all, but who had become converts to Judaism. In the time of Mordecai, when Haman sought the destruction of all the Jews in Persia, after their deliverance it is recorded in the Word of God that "Many of the people of the land became Jews: for the fear of the Jews fell upon them."

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Now a Persian could not change his nationality to that of a Jew, but religiously he could attend the synagogue and accept the Jewish faith. In a religious sense men and women of other races could become Jews. The present confusion concerning the Jew and people who are called Jews has been brought about because Bible students have failed to recognize this religious use of the term Jew as separate and distinct from the designation of a race. In the New Testament many are called Jews because of their religious belief, who are not Jews in the sense of their belonging to the tribe of Judah.

When the woman from Samaria saw Jesus at the well, she recognized from His wearing apparel that He was a follower of the doctrines of the Jews, one who worshipped in the synagogue. This was not a racial reason but a religious one.

A careful study of the Word will reveal that Jesus was not born of a Jewish mother. Before the racial type which became known as the Jews, who were descendants of only a small part of the tribe of Judah, came into being the house of David was selected and set apart distinct and separate, from the tribe of Judah, by the Lord God Himself. Then after this selection of the house of David, by God, the remaining families of the house of Judah became the house of Judah. Thus the tribe of Judah was divided into two houses centuries be-

fore the racial type known today as Jews came into existence.

It is true that Christ's worship was Jewish, and much of His earthly life was spent within the borders of Palestine. "He came to his own and his own received him not," that is, those of His own faith and the representatives of His kingdom which had been organized at Sinai. These were the representative heads of the Jewish people who had returned from the Babylonian captivity as representatives of the tribe of Judah in fulfillment of the Scriptures. When He presented Himself to them as King of His kingdom they rejected Him and said, "We will not have this man to rule over us."

Then it was that Jesus declared that "The kingdom was taken from them and given to a nation bringing forth the fruit thereof." At this time the kingdom was taken from the Jews and given to the people of ten-tribed Israel. The Jews have never been a nation from that time. They have continued as a people but not as a nation. The present Israeli government in Palestine is not the prophesied return of the Jews as a nation to the holy land. Their government is not a government of peace but of strife and bloodshed.

The promise of restoration to Palestine is not to the Jew as a Jew or nation but to Israel. "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of ISRAEL, (as separate and distinct from Judah, or the Jews, only as the Jews have become blended in with the people of Israel) and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; . . . And I will plant them upon their land, . . . which I have given them." (Amos 9:14, 15.)

Please bear in mind that the Word of God is very specific and plain when it speaks to either Judah or Israel. The messages to these two separate peoples is never

confused or mixed by the Word of God. It is in the minds of the people that they have become confused. The destiny of each of these people stands forth in marked contrast all through the Word. Whenever a student of the Word confuses these terms by calling the Jews Israel or assigning the blessings promised to Israel to the Jews, they err and only add to this confusion, thus obscuring the true meaning and message of the Word of God.

The fig tree is recognized by most Bible students as an emblem of Jewry. Christ used it as a sign of the nearness of the end of the age, "When ye see the fig tree begin to bud." The budding of the tree has been fulfilled in the expressed desire of the Jews for a national home. This has already taken place before our eyes. But in Mark 11:12 to 14 when He presented the parable in action in cursing the fig tree He said, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever." This together with His statement to the Jews that "the kingdom is taken from you and given to another" clearly indicates that the Jews, as a nation of the Jews, will never become a nation again in the possession of the Holy Land.

As time goes on, it is now becoming apparent to the world that the nation in Palestine now known as Israeli, is not the Israel spoken of in God's Word as inheriting the Holy Land, but is a puppet state of Russia. Israel will not come into possession of this land till she has been cleansed and restored by the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes to take over the reins of the government of this earth.

PRAYER LIST

There are those in great need of Divine aid who are depending on God's faithful warriors. Let us not fail them.

Prayer is requested for a child

who has an incurable malady which prevents his normal activity. He comes of Godly parents who are earnestly seeking Divine aid.

Pray for a child that has leukemia, that he will be delivered from intense suffering by the mighty power of God. Pray that the strength of the Lord will be given to the parents.

Prayer is requested for a young couple who are backslidden and seeking to run away from God. They are contemplating some very unwise moves. Pray that the restraining hand of God will be laid upon them and they will be saved for God's service.

Pray for the salvation of an ungodly mother who seeks to hinder her husband and son from following the Lord.

Pray for the salvation of a certain lover who is hindering the spiritual progress of a dear girl.

Pray for the deliverance of a girl who is bent on having her own way at any cost.

Pray for one who is very hard of hearing, who is earnestly seeking deliverance.

Pray for physical strength for one who is engaged in the work of intercession and needs physical strength to press the battle to the very gates.

Prayer is requested by one who desires to be a better witness for God. Pray that she may be able to commit herself and her loved ones into His hands, that she may be able to prevail in prayer for them till her spirit reaches a place of rest, repose and trust. Pray for the weak heart that strength may be given for this hour of trial.

Prayer is requested for a pastor to be restored to health that he may be able to return to his work.

Pray for a young man of Godly parents, who is out of victory and very much in need of divine guidance.

AND BEGINNING AT MOSES AND ALL THE PROPHETS, HE EXPOUNDED UNTO THEM IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES THE THINGS CONCERNING HIMSELF—Luke 24:27.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE REV. C. A. BILLHEIMER

(Continued from last issue)

The city of Wabash had been blessed with the able labors of the Rev. J. W. Brown, some time before my going there. He left a testimony of his efficiency, in a beautiful church edifice on North Manchester avenue in the city, together with a spiritual body, which has since become a strong church.

In my pastorate here the conference associated with this, the church in the city of Huntington, which has since also become self-supporting. These two churches have now become strong churches in the conference. At this time these two cities were connected by an interurban line making it possible to serve both churches.

From the city of Wabash we moved to Lewis creek. There were three churches on this charge: one at the town of Hope, and the Wesley Chapel church twelve miles east, together with the church at Lewis creek. The condition of the church and community at Lewis creek became a great burden to me the first year of my pastorate there. I had the comfort of having, on this charge, an aged minister, a man of unusual ability, and a very cordial yokefellow he became. Much of the work accomplished on this charge was due to the efficient cooperation of this veteran of the cross. He was a mighty preacher of the old time gospel of the Son of God. He was ever ready to help the pastor in any way possible.

Here occurred the greatest revival the writer ever participated in, or witnessed. On reaching the place, the pastor and family were received with open arms by the church and community. The at-

tendance at the church was small. A lodge across the way seemed to be absorbing the interest of the whole community outside the church. Quite a company of men had banded themselves together nine years prior to this, agreeing to stay away from the church. This agreement had been faithfully kept for nine years. On lodge nights their attendance was very large.

The pastor was never treated better anywhere than he was here by these very men, but they would not come to church. This burden had become almost unbearable at the close of the first year there. As we went to the conference we wrestled and prayed constantly. But it seemed we were bumping up against what seemed to be an immovable wall. Time after time as we bumped up against this stone wall we came back more determined than ever. Finally a dozen or more preachers got together on the platform of the old tabernacle. They were united. A great burden seemed to cover them. They prayed, and then they prayed again, and yet again. All at once the heavens opened. Their petitions went through. Such a time of rejoicing! I feel the unction of it yet. I told them afterward that when they got through I jumped on the back end of their cart and rode into victory, and when I got in, I left my burden there.

From the very beginning of the second year at this place, things began to happen. The sudden death of some of the prominent citizens of the community began to soften the religious prejudice of the people, and to bring to the church many people unaccustomed to attending. At this time we began holding special meetings, with good results, some outstanding bad characters being converted. Every

turn that was made gave more prestige to the church work. Now all classes were attending the meetings.

One good meeting followed another. We were fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Preston Roberts, a converted Texas Cowboy. There were many conversions in these meetings. Several months later we were assisted by the Rev. Sam Hawkins, he being the resident pastor mentioned above. He proved himself to be a mighty preacher and a successful soul-winner. Many more were saved by the power of God.

A few months later the Rev. C. G. Pain added his evangelistic services in this continued revival, resulting in many more coming into the kingdom of God. These meetings continued over the space of three years, there being conversions in the regular services even when no special service was on.

A number of ministers of the Gospel came out of this revival, most of whom have been ordained and are still engaged in the service of the Lord.

While on this charge my health gave way, and I spent one winter in Florida, living in a tent near Hains City. I preached some during my stay here and also on my way back as I passed through Georgia. My son, Paul, who was then sixteen years of age, was voted in by the church to carry on as pastor of the work while I was gone. This he did much to the advantage of the work, but seemingly to his own disadvantage, as he gave up his high school work for the time being. He soon resumed his high school work however and completed his college course as well.

(To be continued)

HE IS ABLE TO SAVE THEM TO THE UTTERMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY HIM.
—Heb. 7:25.

GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYER

Testimony of Deliverance of
Mrs. Ruth Yoars
Written in January, 1952

I have been requested to write of my recent illness and of God's power to restore me again. I became poisoned by a greenhouse spray (Parathion) late in the fall. From this time on we continued to become weaker until we took to our bed the third week in November. I was deathly sick from the time I took down. Within a few days a virus lung infection had developed. With this complication it did not seem that recovery was possible, for a complete recovery from an overdose of this poison has never been known. Some have even died within a few minutes.

For days before I came down Mrs. Drake had a great and crushing burden for me. She felt that I was marked for death, and the burden of her prayer was that I might recover. When one is really marked for death that sickness is different from all others. The soul moves out into a place where it sees into eternity.

Within us we no longer suffered, but seemed to remain on a platform or support far up in space. Above us was the beautiful dome of the heavens, below us, a destroying wind blew up which was gradually weakening this place where we lay. Around the edge in what seemed to be costly paper, was cut the word, Eternity. This the wind seemed to be trying to destroy.

As we lay there, we were powerless to move, and the thought came that we were marked for death, but there was such a peace over my soul. I just could not worry about that, things had been

taken care of in advance, for we had made our peace, calling and election sure. At this time the thought came to me: What of one who was not ready to die? This would be terrible for one in that state.

We could look back over on the side of life, but that place was just too far over to get back by one's own effort. As we lay on the side of death, the wind which was blowing all about the place where we were lying, was slowly wearing it away, and our position was growing more insecure. While I was thus lingering between life and

death, Mrs. Drake came, took hold of my hand and prayed that death might be stayed. At once the place where I lay straightened and became secure. The wind that had been wrecking my resting place was quieted.

We stayed in this place for some time however. During this time hope for recovery was given up by those nearest to me. Then near the middle of the night, I saw three ministers from nearby churches standing at my bedside. They prayed for me and anointed with oil according to the Word recorded in James 5:14-15. Immediately I

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O THOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHEREFORE DIDST THOU DOUBT?—Matt. 14:31.

came back on the side of life. The sickness was rebuked and I was healed. From this time on there was a slow, continuous recovery.

It seemed as if with one accord God's people were praying for me. Whole church groups, even people we had never known, united their prayers in my behalf. It seems a real miracle as I think of it now. We lay so helpless. We were too weak to pray. When one is so sick, the ability to pray or aid one's self is gone. There comes a state of complete helplessness.

There are two kinds of healing touch when God heals the body. I had been healed several times before, but it always came as a miracle. By this we have reference to an instant work, or a touch from God when one is made instantly well. This time it had come steadily and surely during the course of several weeks. Here is where many lose faith. During the time when health is slowly coming back, one should give God the same courtesy they would give to the doctor. We do not expect him to cure in one day, but we wait and give nature time to complete the work. Also the knowledge medical science has, was put here for our use.

During our sickness the only medical aid we had was penicillin while the lung infection and pneumonia was taking its course. As we think of this we feel we must be living here on borrowed time, spared to carry out His work that He has given us to finish. People often ask: Why do these things happen? Sometimes it is our own fault, sometimes not, but one cannot pass through an experience like this without having a much deeper understanding of the things of God. Since this has happened, we feel we owe all we have, both spiritually and temporally, to Christ. We feel very humble when

we think how people were impressed to pray that we might be spared. It seems if we had not been spared, it would not be possible that "GOLDEN TRUTHS" could be taken from its young state, through to an established publication, heralding its message to a hungry people who are thirsting for the words of life which it bears.

(When Mrs. Yoars was able to be up and write a little, she penned the following lines of appreciation and sent them to the church.)

"We wish in some measure to let the entire church know what your labors and prayers for our life mean to us, and how much they are appreciated; and that we are going to be able to come back from the very shadow of death to carry out His work for a time as He has need of us.

"We feel humble and thankful for such a God and for His power, through His people, to succor one another in the time of need, when one has gone even beyond the place where they can in any way help themselves. We are more aware of the power of God's people, through prayer, than ever before. Why should God's people be cast down or discouraged when they have all power with them? For it is only when we do not understand, that we are unable to appropriate His power for our needs and for the needs of others. Ruth F. Yoars."

Since the above article was written I have completely recovered. This recovery came slow but steady, all effects of this illness have been healed and at this time we are in the best of health. We give God all the glory for we were beyond any human help. It is more apparent at this time than ever before that we were spared

here to help spread the Word of God to honest, hungry hearts for a time. Our time is not our own but His to Whom we owe all. We have word of a youth who became poisoned as we were, he was taken to one of the best hospitals, and was given all the aid human hands and medical science could do, but he is left broken in body and looks like a person far advanced in years, the glands of his body being destroyed. When we hear this and see how God restored us we are made to marvel at His mercy and at His mighty power to restore. How can man doubt the keeping power of such a God! We have written this article as a testimony that His continued healing power is still being demonstrated in my life and to help some other person to take courage and lay hold of the help that is provided for every one who will believe and lay hold on His power.

If we could but remember that Christ said "all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matt. 21:33.) I have found in my life, the only limits in God are those which I have applied on myself.

THE EXTRAS

It is doing the little "extras,"

The things we're not asked to do—

The favors that help one's brother
To trust in God and you;

It's doing, I say, the "extras,"

The things not looked for, you know,

That will bring us our King's kind notice

A "well done" as on you go.

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THEY SHALL BEAR THEE UP IN THEIR HANDS, LEST THOU DASH THY FOOT AGAINST A STONE.—Psalms 91:12.

Plant Corner

Ruth F. Yoars

CULTURE OF REX BEGONIA FOR THE HOUSE

The Rex Begonia is one of the most beautiful begonias in cultivation today, and the varieties run into the hundreds with leaves of many forms and in bright colors in almost every combination. Some are naturally small while others grow much larger. They have flowers but their main beauty lies in the gorgeous foliage. They are a tropical plant and of course do best in a greenhouse, but they may be grown very well in a room with a subdued light. Their main requirements are high humidity, proper drainage and an acid soil. It will help to set them in a shaded outdoor enclosure during the warm weather where they will harden off and be prepared for the months ahead when they must be kept in the house. If the temperature and humidity are not to their liking in winter they may have a pan made the size desired for the window garden with pebbles covering the bottom and water kept in the bottom but not enough to touch the pots. Over this may be prepared a frame large enough to cover the plants naturally, and over this a cover of plastic so at night this cover can be used to hold the humidity in over the plants. Water well but do not allow them to have wet feet, let them feel almost dry on top of the soil before watering again, then soak well. A standard soil mixture is composed of 2/3 oak leaf mold, 1/3 sand, and peat with 1/4 bone meal to a bushel of

mixture. They need little fertilizer, but when they are fertilized it should be light and not more than once a month. The only requirement is that it be a balanced feeding. Too much fertilizer, too much sun or letting the plant suffer for water causes the foliage to dry at the edges and drop or clear and burned spots. Over-feeding causes glossy soft texture, also curling and wilting of leaves which can be fatal to the plant. Over-watering may cause the leaves to rot and leaf drop. For this trouble use a 4% solution of Clorox, wet the soil and plant in this solution.

These plants grow from leaf cuttings or seed. The cuttings should be grown in damp sand or sphagnum moss. A large pot that can be watered lightly is an ideal place, also a large fish bowl is a fine place for propagation. After the small plants are ready, place in two-inch pots. Never overpot a small Rex, they are a shallow rooting plant and should be moved to larger pots as they show roots to the edge of pot. When repotting shake off all the old soil or wash the roots and pot in fresh soil.

SEEDS: The seeds of this plant are very small, and should be handled carefully to prevent the seed being lost. The best place we have found to grow these seeds is a large fish aquarium and the growing medium used is sphagnum moss. This eliminates damping off which can ruin the small plants entirely. Prepare the shredded moss in the bowl then mix the seed with sand so it can be evenly sown. Dampen the moss thoroughly but do not make it wet. sift the seed over the moss evenly, use a clear plastic cover over the opening to the bowl and hold in place with a rubber band. Leave the bowl closed until the plants appear, then keep

close check on the moisture and if the small seedlings seem at a standstill dampen the moss with water to which has been added a weak solution of fertilizer. Leave the small plants in the bowl until they have grown large enough to pot up in small pots. With good seed one should get many fine varieties and some new ones that will be worth naming.

JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME . . .

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tions, the first step toward this kind of a deliverance is to look well to your spiritual condition. Unless we are truly walking in all the light the Lord permits to come across our pathway and unless we are willing to make any adjustment that the Holy Spirit presents to us, we are in no position to exercise faith for our physical deliverance. Also unless we are willing to regard our bodies as the temple of the Holy Ghost and care for them as such we are in no position to receive physical help from the Lord.

The first step then is to examine your heart honestly before God and, in the light of the Holy Spirit, seek to take advance ground spiritually. No matter how close you may have been walking to God, yet if you will pause and ask Him for the help of the Holy Spirit to enable you to take advance ground, He will surely reveal to your heart a place of advancement, where your soul will receive a fresh touch from heaven placing you in a position of confidence and trust, where your faith can truly take hold of His Word.

Many times you may believe you are strong in faith, when a closer view in the light of the Holy Spirit will reveal much unbelief lurking there. This is a grievous

HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE, TO KEEP THEE IN ALL THY WAYS.

—Psalm 91:11.

sin and needs to be repented of and put aside.

As you in deep humility ask God to show you where you are and what is in your heart, He will be faithful, and as He reveals these things to you, humbly acknowledge them and put them out of your life and claim the merits of His blood for pardon and cleansing, remembering He says, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9.)

At this point it is all important that we take Him at His word and believe that He does pardon and cleanse our hearts, when we ask Him to do it.

Many of God's children have been schooled to do this and to them this step comes quite natural, for we recognize the fact that it is when we believe that the work of cleansing takes place in our hearts. We also recognize that our spiritual deliverance rests entirely upon His Word and not on our feelings in the matter. We are conscious that no matter how the enemy may assail and attack us, as long as we keep our hearts fully yielded to God, we are His. So we hold steadfast, regardless of the temptations of the enemy to get us to doubt God's Word.

Now this is just exactly the course we pursue or should pursue when we come to God for deliverance from our physical afflictions. But because of a lack of proper teaching on this line, we look to our feelings in place of resting on the Word of God. This is not faith. We need to see and recognize this error, humbly confess it, repent and trust the blood to cover this lack of faith. Then with our hearts purified by faith it is an easy thing to secure physical deliverance or

anything else we are truly needing from God.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7.)

In the next issue of Golden Truths, we shall deal with healing as a part of our inheritance, for this we must clearly see before we can take the next step in appropriating the help He is waiting to give.

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THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH

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tion, forgetful of the fact that there are many Scriptures which declare that the time will come when these things will be revealed, "for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, and hid that shall not be made known." (Matthew 10:26.) Daniel declared of the God of heaven, that He revealeth the deep and secret things. He knoweth what is in the darkness and light dwelleth with Him, and of the times, and seasons, and measures of time that were clearly meted out to Daniel and given to him, He declares that these time measures would be sealed until the time of the end. "The Lord said to him, seal the book, even to the time of the end." (Daniel 12:9.) Then the Lord told Daniel to go his way for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Then the Lord declared, "many

shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Daniel 12:10). All of this is given to him in reference to the time measures that were to be sealed by Daniel unto the time of the end.

Breaking the Seal

In Acts we read in reference to Christ "whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." In the book of Revelation, we have the picture of a sealed, closed book answering the description of the book that Daniel was instructed to seal, being handed to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a cry was made, "who will open the book for us? And there was One found worthy to open the book, (the Lamb that was slain was found worthy,) and the Lord took the book, and broke the seal thereof." In this book of time measures, which was given to the Lord Jesus Christ, and sealed, was the revelation of many of the things that are coming in on time in God's program. This is the time recorded in the book which Daniel was told to seal, whose seals were broken by Christ the Lord and their time measures revealed to John in the Revelation of the Lord Jesus. Many revelations concerning the time measures of political development are to be clearly found in the book of Revelation. These time measures are all built around a scale or form, and the regularity of these events was not discovered until the future fulfillment of certain time prophecies, which were declared in the Word of God, took place. The Bible speaks of things which were

HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE, TO KEEP THEE IN ALL THY WAYS.

—Psalm 91:11.

spoken by the mouth of all God's holy prophets since time began.

Definite Framework of Time

If we would know and understand the meaning of the words of the prophets, and the fulfillment of the words that were spoken by them, we need to know something of the time in which they are to be fulfilled. Even the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the words of the apostles, and all the prophets, bear witness to the fact that there is a definite framework of time, into which all prophecy must fit. Peter declares that "God hath determined the times before appointed" (Acts 17:26). While there were times, and it was not the privilege of those who were living in an earlier day to know the times, and the seasons; yet we are now approaching the time spoken of by the Word of God, when there is nothing hid, that shall not be revealed. The time measures given in the Word of God are built upon foundations, which are imbedded in the very universe itself, for they are given and associated with the movements of the sun, moon, and the earth. Many of the time measures of the book of Daniel are associated with the most exact cycles ever discovered by man, since the day when the Lord opened the book that was sealed.

Need of Watching

As the march of history has continued down through the ages, there have been startling events that, to those who were watching, revealed the fulfillment of these events as coming in on God's time, the time given in the Word of God. In the many exhortations of the Lord Jesus Christ, He urged His people to watch. Even when He

was speaking of the very last days and hours before His return to this earth, He made watching the central thought of His parables. Even in the parable of the ten virgins, they were urged to watch, and He told them of a man who took a far journey, left his house, gave authority to his servants, assigned to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. He said, "Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock crowing, or in the morning, lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all, watch" (Mark 13:36-37). In these words the Lord clearly designated four different times of watching. Another place in speaking about His coming, He said, "And if he come in the second or third watch," indicating in one of these watches He would return.

Startling Events

Very clearly did He set forth certain events which would precede His coming, events which to our startled gaze are taking place on every side. For those who are awake and watching, Christ offers great rewards to those who are watching, and He promises for them marvelous blessings, and divine protection. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all those things which will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36). "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh, shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them" (Luke 12:37). In the early days of the church, the apostles gave faithful

witness of the returning of the Lord, but when He tarried His coming, many grew careless and indifferent.

In every age, there have been those who have sounded forth the warning, but, sad to say, the church as a whole has not heeded the alarm, and those who call attention to the fulfillment of prophecy, and the nearness of Christ's return, often meet with scorn and ridicule, even by the authorities high in leadership in the church. This is the generation which has exalted false witnesses. "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber" (Isaiah 56:10). This is the reason many are not proclaiming the message of the present age.

What is our life? What are we feeding upon? The psalmist declares that the words of the Lord are life to them that find them. Will He find us watching when He comes, or will He find us sleeping the sleep of death?

The message the Bible brings to us, covers and embraces three definite periods. Each of these periods are designated as a time of preparation for the final establishment of God's kingdom on earth, when once again He will dwell with men. These periods are referred to in the Word of God as the former days or the latter days and last days.

Then there is also given an unnamed period, declared to be for one thousand years. This is why this period of time is designated by the students of the Word as the millennium or the thousand-year reign of the Lord Jesus here on this earth.

THERE IS JOY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGELS OF GOD OVER ONE SINNER THAT REPENTETH.—Luke 15:10.

THE TIMES AND SEASONS

The apostle Paul clearly states that as the day of the coming of the Lord approaches that His people will not be in darkness as to the certainty of His coming and the time of its approaching. "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

"Daniel was informed that those who are called wise, will understand and he was given certain related chronological time periods, in connection with this promise of understanding of the wise, of the time of the end. Chronology is the science of time measures and the proper arrangement of their dates. It is the regular alternate succession of similar chords. There are those in our day who have devoted time, and energy, and effort, to the studying of these time measures as given so clearly in the Word of God. These have gained a very clear understanding of the placing of the events that happen here on this earth into this time schedule. The Lord has blessed these with the knowledge of the divine time-table with the purpose that they might be alert and that they might alert those who love Him and who are watching for His coming as the day approaches. While it is true that though the day and the hour of His coming has not been revealed as yet, yet we do know that there are enough things revealed, until at the present time we may know the season of His

coming is revealed, and it is very near at hand.

There are those who declare that His coming is very far in the future, perhaps a million years from now, but if they would apply themselves to a closer study of the Word of God, how clearly would be revealed to them the nearness of His coming! Is it any wonder that the Christian church is asleep, when the preachers and the evangelists are afraid to sound a clear call to arouse the sleeping virgins? Does not the Word of God declare: "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Corinthians 14:8).

For those who have faith, and courage to press onward and to study His Word, God is revealing marvelous evidences of the timing of events, because there are those who have spent years of study in the Word of God and the prophetic utterances of the Word. In the light of the revelation that these time measures give to them, and because of the events foretold in His Word, which are taking place on the earth today, it is very clear that of the time it can be stated that He is even now approaching. Not a million years from now, or even a thousand years, but very near at hand, so near, that if every Christian, and every church member could know how near, they would be alarmed because of the present state of their spiritual condition. They would begin to prepare themselves for His coming, for the season of His coming is now at hand.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

The Lord Jesus Christ set forth very clearly some of the signs of His coming, and of His near appearing. Some of the things that are today transpiring before our very eyes, were told to us by

Christ, and the apostles, and the prophets of old. These facts should not be ignored by any sober-minded, thinking person, but they should sober us, and cause us to recognize that prophecy is being fulfilled, and that each day the coming of the Lord is nearer at hand, and should cause us to seek a closer fellowship with Him.

Christ said, "There would be earthquakes in divers places," and we say, "but there have always been earthquakes." Yes, we are told on good authority that there were 366 earthquakes in the first twelve centuries of the Christian era, but the nineteenth century witnessed two thousand one hundred nineteen earthquakes. Then in the twentieth century, there have been more destructive earthquakes recorded than in the last two centuries put together, and we are told by those who know, able scientists, that we are to expect more and more of these earthquakes, with increased intensity. This prophecy is unmistakably fulfilled before our very eyes.

The Lord said there would be distress of nations; all those who are familiar with the history of other times know that we are now passing through a time, the like of which has never been before known. In the past, there have been many national strifes and wars through the years, but these were usually the involvement of one or two nations engaged in battles, but now we face global war. The weapons that were used in the great wars of the past were very crude in comparison to those being used in this, our day. Nations today are living in mortal fear of each other not knowing what next is coming across their pathway. If we are willing to face facts, we must face the fact that present day

EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.—John 3:3.

troubles have no parallel in human history. The awful cost of bloodshed, and money, and national honor is staggering and heartbreaking. Our own nation has already spent far more than twenty billion dollars for the struggle in Korea, and yet, what advancement are we making?

All those who have eyes to see, can see that the great federation, described in the Word of God, is taking place at this very hour. India and Russia are the greatest friends in the United Nations organization. The nations belonging to Iran are still holding us in suspicion. Egypt has turned on Great Britain as the Word of God declared she would, and she is now leaning toward Russia. Iran and Iraq are courting the USSR. The oil that our forces had access to is now being directed toward the Reds, to move the great war machine into operation against us. Mohammedanism and Communism are uniting. Truly, every way we look, there is distress of nations.

The Lord Jesus Christ itemized and named very clearly, certain things that would come to pass just before His appearing, and with our eyes today, if we have eyes to see, we can very clearly see that these things are taking place in our midst, as they never have taken place before in the history of the world. Christ said, "When ye see these things come to pass then, know ye, that his coming is nigh, yea he is even at the door." He said we could know, "then know ye," be convinced that the kingdom of God is nigh.

The present condition of the world today is almost an exact fulfillment of the warnings of our Lord as recorded in the thirteenth chapter of Mark. Read the chapter carefully, and you will not find

a single sign but what is manifested somewhere in this stricken world today. It does not take a spiritual man, or even one who claims to be a Christian, to see that these things are facts, even men who profess to be atheists are startled with the evidence that the New Testament is offering today. Some of these men have declared that the New Testament offers precise, and elaborate specifications of the events preceding the inevitable end of the world, and the reading of them must lead any rational man to conclude that the events are now upon us." These words did not come from a professed follower of God, but from an editor of a certain publication in our land. We must all admit that extraordinary events and circumstances are existing all over the world today, and tremendously destructive things are being planned in every part of the world. The nations of the world are now at each other's throats.

MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM

Men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, for the power of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26). In the light of the atomic bomb, and the hydrogen bomb, and the threat of germ warfare, which the world is facing today, it is very clear to any rational mind why men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking forward to those things which are to come to pass here on this earth. We face the fact that extraordinary events are taking place all over the world, and extraordinary measures of war and destruction are being planned all over the world. These are without parallel in the history of the world, for scientific discovery has sudden-

ly put the life of all humanity in danger. We are told that the atomic bomb can wipe out one hundred thirty-six thousand lives in a moment of time, and that now we have other explosives far more powerful—they can wipe out whole nations.

The emergency council of atomic scientists declares that if war breaks out that atomic bombs will be used, and they will surely destroy our civilization, for the bombs now being used are from seven hundred to eleven hundred times more powerful than the bombs used on Hiroshima. They declare that if these bombs are used, human life will be brought to an end forever on this earth. These facts are horrifying indeed, but there are those who tell us now far graver facts. A former Major General in the Canadian army's Medical corps, who is said to be one of the world's foremost authorities on biological warfare, made this statement; "The atomic bomb is child's play in comparison with the weapons of biological warfare." We are told from reliable authorities that Russia has the supremacy over us in this biological warfare, that she has possession of two disease germs, identified only as substance X and substance Y, which, the world health organization, says, have such strength that seven ounces of them would be sufficient to wipe out most of the human race. This organization also declares that substance Y could exterminate a whole community in six hours, then disappear without a trace, so that an occupying force could take safe possession of the area within twelve hours. Small wonder then that "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking forward to the things that are going to take place on this earth.

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THE LORD, . . . FOR HE SHALL BE AS A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATERS.—Jer. 17:7, 8.

There is only one place of safety, no other refuge will avail. This safe retreat is under the precious blood of Jesus. For those who keep the blood applied, there is constant safety in this life, and in the life to come. In view of these facts, men of prominence, who are wide-awake to the things that are going on in the world today, are declaring that the world will destroy itself in five years. How definitely does this refer us back to the words of Jesus who declared, "And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should have been saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days" (Mark 13:20).

One of the last signs we wish to mention is recorded in 2 Peter 3:3, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts. And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." Very clearly does the Scripture tell us that mockers shall come with mockery, saying, "Where is the promise of his coming." To the wise, to those who are looking for His appearing, the fact that so much of the professed church here on this earth today are mocking at the message and announcement of the near approach of the coming of the Lord is a fulfillment of this Scripture. This is astonishing, this very fact, that the great majority of the professed Christian people in all the churches do not believe in the New Testament declaration of the return of the Lord Jesus in this present age. For we today, who are truly alert to the message the Bible has for us, are living in the same mental atmosphere of the early Christians,

who expected at any time the return of the Lord.

We are now watching the death of an age. We have to admit that the civilization of which we are so proud, and which we thought had come to stay, is now threatened with the same fate that has threatened many, many other civilizations which were once strong and flourishing. The reason men's hearts are failing them, and millions are fainting, is, we are near some great change. No doubt some undreamed of change, but in some way we all must know, we are nearing the end of the present way of life, as we have known it. All these things announce the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

PRICKLING CONSCIENCES INVADE AMERICA

Not long ago, Dr. Goff, pastor of the Chicago Temple, was invited to deliver a series of lectures at Purdue University. After the first lecture a member of the university faculty invited Dr. Goff to call at his office, which he did. The professor motioned him to a chair, closed the door, and took his accustomed place behind the desk. Then with grave expression he said:

"I was one of the half-dozen or so top-ranking scientists who developed the atomic bomb. We worked at it for two years and so secretive was the whole procedure that even my wife did not know what I was doing. Next morning after the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, I scanned the account in the morning paper, then handed it across the breakfast table to my wife saying, 'There, that's what I've been doing the past two years.'"

"She read the story; and then looked at me and her face went ashen; and from that day to this

she has not been able to sleep a whole night through . . . and neither have I."

Then throwing his hands outward and upward in pleading and desperation he exclaimed, "My God, what have we left loose on the world?" (Selected)

THE KING IS COMING

"Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

Lift up your heads, O burdened hearts,

The King is on His way,
The signs, long spoken of are here,
He may come back today.

Men's hearts are failing them for fear,

Writ large across the page,
We read of rumors, wars, and deaths,

The passing of an age.

Yet all who will, may share with Him,

The joy of His return,
For all He died, the price He paid,
Unless the gift you spurn.

Lift up your heads, O troubled hearts,

He may come back today.
The signs, long spoken of are here,
The King is on His way.

(Selected)

WHY IS CHRIST COMING?

He is coming to take over the reins of government of this world. When man yielded to the temptation of Satan, in the garden of Eden, and brought the curse of sin and death upon the entire human race, even this earth suffered from the fall, and the dominion, which God had given to man and intended man to possess and exercise here on this earth, was yielded over

HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK LIKE A SHEPHERD: HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM.—Isa. 40:11.

into the hands of Satan. Since that time, men have sought to rule themselves, yet they have all the while, in this effort of ruling themselves, been ruled by Satan. He has been the master mind behind this entire plot, and has run the full course of sin, determined to drink the cup to the very dregs.

Through the ages they have endeavored to build a civilization and social order without any reference to the blueprint given in the Word of God, or to the specifications, that He has marked out for such a social order. Satan has sought to counteract every thing that was incorporated in the plan of God, to bring peace and prosperity and salvation to this sin-cursed world, and now, this structure, centering on self, which man has created and sought to carry forward to completion, is nearing collapse.

At this hour, the storm in its fury is breaking in upon us, the terrible battle of the great day of the Lord is soon to clear the site upon which is to be erected a new civilization, a new social structure, wherein dwelleth righteousness. The outline and detail of this structure is contained in the blueprint, "The Word of God." Christ is coming, not to die, but to redeem His people, those from whom He died when He came the first time. His coming is certain, for He, Himself, said, "I will come again." About this first coming He declared, "The Son of man comes to seek and save that which was lost," and when He comes the second time, it will be to receive His own, and to take them to be with Him forever.

He is coming also in judgment, and it will be terrible for those who have despised Him, and rejected His words. For this sin-stained world, that will not be a joyous

time, there will be much trouble, and confusion, as we are now beginning to see in the wrath and distress of nations that is upon us. But it is not to be a time of darkness to His people, for those who are seeking to be ready for His return.

His coming will not mean peace on earth until His enemies are destroyed. So dreadful will be His coming, that many will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them, and hide them from the presence of Him, who sitteth upon the throne. But, before He comes to set up His reign here on this earth, and to take the place of judge of those who have rejected and resisted Him, He is coming to catch away His waiting people, before the awful storm of tribulation and destruction, which is so often foretold in the Word of God, breaks in upon this world. This is a night of darkness, with which the world is being visited at this present hour.

HOW IS CHRIST COMING?

He is coming in person, the same Jesus who went away, who on that memorable day led His disciples out from the city of Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives, and there blessed them, and gave them instruction and direction as to the course they would pursue, and "when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up and a cloud received him out of their sight, and while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven, this same Jesus, which was taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go." (Acts 1:9-11.)

Thus He is coming "in the clouds

of heaven, for as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be." (Matthew 24:27.) Oh, the urgency with which He urged His followers to prepare for this hour, and for this day, "Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of man cometh at a time when ye think not." (Matthew 12:40.) Then after He had ascended, in the Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ delivered to John, He called back, "Remember therefore, how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If, therefore, thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."

The thief comes when he is least expected. He comes in the night when it is dark. Do you not recognize that it is dark now? It is dark all over this old world of ours. In just a little more than five years after the close of World War II, we as a people suddenly found ourselves involved in another battle, that some of our leaders have chosen to call "police action," which has already brought about American casualties to the one hundred thousand mark. It is dark now in China. It is dark in Korea. It is dark all over Europe. It is dark and getting darker in South America. It is now dark even in our own fair land. The darkness of the darkness of the ages is settling down upon us.

Crime and corruption abound on every hand. Statistics tell us we are spending here in America more than a million dollars every hour for strong drink. The night is upon us.

The thief not only comes in the night, but he comes to take something of real value. The most valuable possession on this earth is

REJOICE EVERMORE. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.—1 Thess. 5:16, 17.

God's blood-bought and redeemed ones; the ransomed from the fall, the salt of the earth, the called-out ones.

His coming will be sudden, "As the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt 24:27.)

He likens His coming to Noah's generation, when suddenly, after nine hundred and sixty-nine years of intense warning, the rain fell in torrents bringing on the great deluge. You say, how do you know they were warned for nine hundred and sixty-nine years? The names that were given in that age carried with them a message for their generation.

Enoch was a man of God of whom the Bible states, "He walked with God and was not for God took him." He is also termed a preacher of righteousness. He preached that the world would be destroyed by a flood. His soul was so possessed with the message, and he was in such close communion with God, that when a son was born to Enoch, God told him that whenever this child died the flood would come. This so impressed Enoch that he named this child Methuselah. The meaning of the word Methuselah is "When he dies the flood is coming."

Even though this child was a warning to his generation yet people became accustomed to his name. On it was heaped ridicule and scorn for they declared it never had rained and such a thing was an impossibility; that things had continued as they were since the time of the fathers. Sin was turned loose on the earth. But suddenly as had been declared for a thousand years, the flood came and all were lost except Noah and his family, who took refuge in the ark.

Then again He likens His coming to the sudden rain of fire and brimstone that fell upon Sodom and Gomorrah. Suddenly, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when men least expect Him and are least prepared to meet Him, because they have disregarded the warning, while men are sleeping, He is coming and only the awake, alert and prepared ones will see Him or go out to meet Him. For He is coming only to, and for those who have prepared themselves, and made themselves ready, who have met the qualifications of a guest for the marriage supper of the Lamb. For, "Ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief." (1 Thess. 5:4.)

His coming is to catch His elect. This will be sudden. But sudden as it will be, it should not catch those who have prepared themselves and made themselves ready, those who have met the necessary qualifications to enable them to become a guest at the marriage supper.

"But ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night, and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another." (1 Thess. 5:4-11.)

Will we keep this appointment to obtain salvation? You were not appointed unto wrath. You were appointed to salvation. Will you keep this appointment? This is what the Savior had in mind when He said, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness and the cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. WATCH YE therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:34-36.)

It was this event that the Savior had in mind when He gave the parable of the "Marriage of the King's Son," and said "The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy."

Oh, the loving heart of the Saviour! With what earnest longing He waits to see if you are going to keep your "appointment to salvation." Ever after He had ascended on high, so eager was He, and so great was His concern that you would not fail to keep this appointment that He called back from yonder world, as he gave His Revelation to John, and said, "Remember therefore how thou hadst received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." (Rev. 3:3.)

Then as with a feeling of triumph in the fact that He knew there would be those who would be found ready and waiting for His appearing He said of these, "And they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy." (Rev. 3:4.)

"I will come on thee as a thief" is

THE LORD . . . IS NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE.—2 Pet. 3:9.

spoken to those who will not watch, but to those who are watchful, and awake, He said, "Ye are not in ignorance, that that day should overtake you as a thief." He declared, "Behold, I come as a thief: Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." (Revelation 16:15.)

The certainty of His coming is sure, the season is declared, the hour is approaching, and like a trumpet blast, God's watchmen upon the wall are calling out, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." The very things the Lord Jesus Christ told His followers to watch for, the signals of His near approaching, are already now taking place. The midnight cry is being made, "Therefore, be ye also ready, for in such an hour, as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

FOR WHOM IS CHRIST COMING?

He is coming for those who have truly overcome Satan, who have met him on the field of battle and, in spite of all his fiery darts, have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb, and have overcome the prince of darkness by "the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." Those who have submitted themselves to all the will, and government of God, and the plan of God in their lives, and have accepted His rulership over their lives here, as a school in which they are preparing for the greater inheritance, which will be the lot of the overcomers. All those who have truly, by their life and conduct here, accepted the invitation to attend the marriage supper of the Lamb, and have made themselves ready.

We are conscious that there are many who teach that all who have confessed, and forsaken their sins, and belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, will be among the number who are caught away to meet Him in the air. The Word of God declares, that He is coming to all those, and for all those who love His appearing. All must admit that there are many who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ, who do not especially long for His appearing.

There are those, even of His professed followers, who pray, "Oh, Lord, tarry Thy coming, delay Thy coming, until the heathen are reached, until we have the privilege of doing certain things, until our loved ones are reached, until certain things are accomplished here on this earth, tarry Thy coming." This is not the prayer the Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray. He taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come."

In His very last message that He sent back to His believing children here on this earth in His Revelation, the book of the Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, delivered to John, the beloved, He said, "Lo, I come quickly," and the response that His beloved made is, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Then there are many professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who are disobedient to the commandments of the Lord along many different lines, even though they profess to love Him.

There are many who are self-centered, and determined to have their own way, not submissive to the purpose and plan of God in their lives, who do not sacrifice, or deny themselves, for the sake of the prosperity and advancement of the Lord's work here on this earth, who say, "Well, if I can just

make it inside the gate, I'll be satisfied."

This is not the attitude that Paul the apostle took. He knew that he had the love of the Lord Jesus Christ enthroned within his heart. He knew that he went through many self-denials, and sacrifices that were not altogether required of him. When he was recounting some of the labors, and sacrifices, that some other workers had gone through, he said, "Yet his labors were more abundant than they all."

He speaks of striving for an incorruptible crown, he speaks of running a race to receive a very coveted prize, he expresses the thought of putting forth a very strenuous effort to measure up to some great achievement, lest he fall short of securing that for which he was striving.

Clearly he has set forth in his teaching, the fact that those for whom the Lord is coming are those who submit to all the will, and government, and plan of God in their lives here on this earth, accepting His rulership over their lives, as a school in which they are preparing for a greater inheritance, which will belong and is reserved for the overcomers, who inherit not only eternal life but immortality. The invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb is given to all who will, to whosoever will, but there are those who make light of the invitation and do not prepare themselves.

In the parable of the king's supper, each guest, who was permitted to attend this supper, was required to have on a wedding robe, the wedding garment, the robe of righteousness. Clearly the teaching of God's Word is, that there are certain qualifications that must be met for those who enter the

**THE DYING THIEF REJOICED TO SEE THAT FOUNTAIN IN HIS DAY:
AND THERE MAY I, THOUGH VILE AS HE, WASH ALL MY SINS AWAY.**

marriage supper, for those who do enter the marriage supper are those who are to rule and reign with Christ in His kingdom here on this earth.

Now to reach a place of rulership with Christ, there must be certain qualifications met. Paul was deeply concerned, lest he would fail to meet the spiritual requirements necessary for obtaining so great a prize. The ambition of his life was to be qualified to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, and thus to be numbered among those who would experience the great joy of ruling together with Christ.

This event of the marriage supper of the Lamb is the only designated time in which God gives the award of immortality to those who have qualified. This is the time when He comes to catch away His people who have prepared themselves, and made themselves ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb, when they are caught up to meet the Lord in the air, following the resurrection of the saints of ages past who also have qualified for a place at this wedding feast. This will be the greatest hour of all hours up to this present moment. It is the greatest opportunity of all opportunities to qualify ourselves, and be ready to attend this greatest feast of all feasts that has ever been planned throughout the ages. You have an invitation, and I have an invitation we may all be ready. But, that there is grave danger that we fail to be ready, is evidenced by the many warnings that the Son of God gave to His followers, urging us with all watchfulness, and perseverance, and earnest care, to prepare ourselves, and keep ourselves in constant readiness for this flight through the air, which will be the greatest of all flights, for at the

marriage supper which is actually the induction to office of all those who will reign with Him, will be assigned the tasks that those who rule with Him, in His reign here on this earth, will perform. Oh, to be ready, should be the constant cry of each of His people, for this for them will be the day of days, the greatest event that can possibly come to mortal man.

THE BLESSED HOPE

His coming is sure. This is the only hope left for this sin-cursed, war-torn world. All, even the most skeptical must recognize an awful storm is brewing. The forked lightnings can be seen from almost every direction. The awful rumblings of the thundering can be clearly heard. Storm clouds black and lowering are gathering overhead, as the roar of the tempest approaches nearer and nearer. Only one avenue of escape is left now and that is, that "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:16-17.) This is the blessed hope.

He is coming to complete our redemption and give us changed bodies. "Behold, I shew you a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." (I Cor. 15:51-52.)

He is coming to reward His own, those who have labored faithfully in His vineyard, who have not buried their talent in a napkin, who have not lived to please self, but have "Pressed toward the mark of

the high calling in Christ Jesus"; who have bent all their energy in an effort to keep His commandments, who have purified themselves and made themselves ready, and not only that, have kept themselves in constant readiness for His appearing. These He will catch away to the marriage supper, for it is at this marriage supper that the rewards are given, and the assignments made to the overcomers of a place of rulership with Him in His Kingdom when He comes to earth to set up His kingly reign.

Therefore He calls loudly from yonder world. "Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his works shall be" (Rev. 22:12). "For thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:14). Oh, be faithful! If you are faithful your recompense and reward is sure. Be faithful in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." Be very faithful in bearing witness for Christ. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10.)

There is an account of a young lover who with some early settlers went west to provide a home for the lady of his choice. This incident has stirred my heart from early childhood with a desire to be ready. This lover left in high spirits, with the understanding that he would return to claim her for his bride at the earliest possible moment, and he expected her to be awaiting that hour with constant readiness and eager anticipation.

Success beyond his expectation crowned his efforts. Much sooner than he had expected he was ready to return. So without writing or sending her word of his success he

WE WILL STAND THE STORM, IT WILL NOT BE LONG; WE WILL ANCHOR BY AND BY.

came with great joy, so anxiously and so quickly came, with such love and triumph, remembering so clearly his parting words to her as he left with such high hopes, for he had said, "Be looking for me and be ready for I will be back soon."

It so happened, to his surprise and her shame, he found her sitting in the embrace of another. Through the lighted window he saw her sitting in the lap of another man. He did not bother to go in the house. He left without leaving any trace of his whereabouts. She never heard from him again.

How grave is the danger that this may be our lot when the Son of God comes to gather His elect for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Already His Word declares, "The whole world lieth in wickedness" (I John 5:19). Another translation gives this Scripture as follows, "The whole world lieth in the lap of the evil one." Small wonder is it then if we are found courting the world, if we are found dabbling with the things of the world that Christ should regard us as lying in the lap of the devil. That is why He is coming only for those who are awake, alert, ready and watching for His return. "And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GUESTS AT THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

Then you ask, what must I do to be ready for the coming of the Lord? What are the qualifications or the requirements for a place of rulership in the government of God? There is a Bible standard, clearly set forth in the Word of God, to which we must attain. Jesus, after having declared the generation that would see these things take place, exhorted His people to

begin to take careful stock of themselves.

He said for them to watch and pray; that they might be accounted worthy to escape all these things that He had enumerated, that He said were soon to come to pass, and that they might be themselves ready to stand before the Son of Man. While watching and praying for this great event, yet they are to continue to keep themselves up to the standard so clearly set forth in the Word of God. That standard the Lord Jesus Christ gave to us in Revelation 22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life." In another place He said, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

The keeping of the commandments of the King of the kingdom is the very first qualification for those who are in school, preparatory to qualify for a place of leadership in the kingdom.

One could not expect to be favored with a place of responsibility and a place of rulership, or to be trusted with the administering of the laws of the kingdom, who themselves have failed to keep those laws and live up to the Biblical standard. Those who live in open violation to the laws of the kingdom cannot expect a position of rulership in the kingdom.

The Word of God clearly sets forth that those who enter with Him into the marriage supper of the Lamb, are to receive authority and power to rule with Him in Christ's kingdom here on earth. Surely the All-Wise God will not assign to His followers the task of governing and disciplining others, until they themselves have reached the place where they can govern and discipline their own lives and conduct.

Those who fail to listen to the

promptings of the Spirit here, and refuse to let Him order and dictate their lives, who have their ears tuned to the voice of the world, and the fashions and fads of things that are present, cannot expect to qualify or to have authority over others, for they refuse to be guided and become subject to the restraining guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Who is He coming for when He comes to catch His people from this earth? He is coming for those who are counted worthy to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. Those, who by the discipline of their lives, by being faithful in the adverse circumstances that are thrown into the present life, have done more than just simply being a Christian, just simply serving the Lord in a half-hearted way, but have bent all their energies in reaching the goal, have purified themselves, and as Paul did, gone out of their way to live a life of holiness and purity and salvation and service in the work of the Master here.

These will be assigned a place of authority in the kingdom, and in the administration of its laws. They will receive the gift of immortality, the goal for which Paul was striving, and about which he was so deeply concerned lest he fall short of reaching this high calling. This is why the heart of the Saviour was so moved upon, why He warned His followers that as a snare shall it come upon all those that dwell upon the face of the whole earth, but to those that love His appearing He said, "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." If we are watching, if we are striving to qualify for this great event, we will be bestirring

WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST.

— John 4:14.

ourselves in active work for the Master.

Oh, what an incentive to seek to purify our lives, and to order them according to the righteous commandments of the Lord. We are not called merely that we might be saved, but we are given the privilege to work to become a part of this selected body taken from among His followers, who will be entrusted with the responsibility of administering the righteous government of the Lord.

The Christian life here is to school and discipline the followers of the Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit, for a place of authority in the kingdom. This is the

high calling of God in Christ Jesus. This will be given only to those who pass all the tests. While every true Christian inherits eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, only those who overcome all things will attain unto the greatest of all prizes, immortality, and be numbered with the blessed, who will inherit the kingdom of heaven. (If you are interested in a fuller discussion of this subject we refer you to the article entitled, "Eternal Life and Immortality," which was printed in the November issue of Golden Truths. If you wish a copy of this issue, they may be secured by sending to this office at 10c per copy.)

(To be continued)

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639	.45	.53	.65	.80	.93	1.07	
742	.48	.58	.72	.89	1.04	1.21	
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947	.55	.67	.85	1.07	1.27	1.49	
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1254	.66	.82	1.06	1.35	1.62	1.91	
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Snow Girl is the same plant.

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Very tender tropical trailing plants. They do not need a lot of sun but need to be kept warm and out of cool air and drafts. Use same soil as for African Violets and water about the same.

When these plants are shipped or subject to cool temperature they may die down suddenly—if so—water as usual, in a short time new growth will start and the plant will be stronger than before.

COCCINEA: (Fulgida) Brown hairy leaves with silvery green veins	\$1.25
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(All the above have bright red flowers)	
CHONTALENSIS: small dark green leaves, light blue fringed flowers	\$1.25
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BEGONIAS

IN 3 inch pots, ready to shift to 4 inch.

ALBA PLENA: Dark rich foliage speckled with white, pinch for a bushy plant	\$1.00
ARGENTEA GUTTATA: Flowers white with pink tint. Dark green leaves dotted white, grows medium size, a very fine house plant	\$1.00
BUNCHII: The lettuce begonia, bright green foliage with ruffled hairy edges. Sprays of pink blossoms	\$1.25
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CHRISTMAS BEGONIA: This is the Busy Lizzie, In our growing here we have found this to be so much better than the other named varieties, in that it is more robust and with care can be carried over in good shape from year to year. Fertilize these plants according to the directions with the special fertilizer you happen to use, if you do not they will exhaust themselves and die from the abundance of bloom they have. Regular Christmas Begonia	\$1.00
NORWEGIAN HYBRID: Wide open deep rose flowers in abundance	\$1.25
RUBY JEWELL CALLA: Dark red semi double flowers on green foliage splashed with white	.75
PINK CALLA: The pink form of the above	.75
ORANGE RUBRA: Flowers hang in clusters, fine orange color, foliage lettuce green. A choice plant	\$1.25
METALLICA: A bushy branched plant, dark bronzed leaf has that appearance of being waxed. Reverse dark red. Flowers white with red hairy surface on outside of petal	\$1.00

- RACINIFOLIA:** Star Begonia. Showy, deeply cut, star shaped, of two toned green with reddish marks at the edges. Flowers pink in great hanging sprays\$1.25
- RED RUBRA:** Light green leaves on bamboo like canes with showy red flowers in clusters75
- DOUBLE ROSE BEGONIAS:** Clusters of flowers that resemble roses. Colors red, pink or white75

REX BEGONIAS

These plants of the begonia family are the most colorful of all. They bloom and some are fragrant. They do not need sun but a light yet shaded location with only a small amount of filtered sunlight. Do not let these plants dry out as this is a great shock to them. Use a good fertilizer according to directions during active growth. Winter is their dormant time, do not water quite so much during this time. Use rich soil. Same humidity and heat as African violet.

- CURLEY FIREFLUSH:** Spiral leaf covered with red hairs, gives the appearance of red velvet\$1.25
- HELEN LEWIS:** Leaves are purple black with wide zone of pale green silver overlaid with lavender rose\$1.00
- IT:** Green overlaid with silver markings, small fine plant. Blooms almost continually, pink flowers from every joint\$1.00
- LAVENDER RUFFLES:** Lovely lavender leaf with dainty overlay of silver giving leaf the look of taffeta\$1.25
- LUCY CLOSSEN:** Rich brown margin with pink purple center like taffeta\$1.00
- MOUNTAIN HAZE:** Leaves have a lavender hue on light green\$1.00
- OREGON SUNSET:** Crinkled leaf of silver lavender with margin of dark green edged in black \$1.25
- PURPLE CURLY STARDUST:** Silver on purple with spiral leaves\$1.00
- ROSE MARIE:** Wine, black and silver shaded daphne pink\$1.00
- SILVER SWEET:** Leaf deep clear green overlaid with silver, grows upright, has fine pink bloom .75
- REX:** 6 our choice these will be equal to the listed ones\$4.00

Miscellaneous Plants

- ARALIA balfouriana:** Rounded, toothed leaves blotched white at margins. See picture of this plant in book Foliage Plants which we are listing75
- AGLAONEMA:** The variegated form. See picture in Foliage Plants. Leaves are variously marked with lighter green and white.\$1.25
- PEPEROMIA Sandersi:** The watermelon begonia shown page 23 Foliage Plants.50
- PEPEROMIA Crassifolia:** A new number, the finest one we have ever seen. Beautiful dark green

- heart shaped leaf with stem starting from under middle of leaf.50
- FLEUR d'AMOUR:** Butterfly Gardenia, Greenhouse plant. Blooms from April to November...\$2.00
- OXALIS:** Reginella-Snow white, three part leaves .75
- OXALIS:** Yellow hanging basket dainty leaves, does not die down.75

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- ASPLINIUM Bulbiferum:** erect lacy fern of beauty.\$1.25
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- VERONA:** Long delicate fronds sometimes 5 inches broad.\$1.00
- SPLENDIDA:** Long fluffy, feathery fronds.\$1.00
- WHITMANI:** Ostrich plum fern. Dwarf type with plummy fronds. Feathery and compact growth. \$1.00

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- CEROPEGIA woodii:** (Rosary vine) Vines are well developed75
- CEROPEGIA barklyi:** Tiny pointed leaves, otherwise growth the same\$1.00
- CEROPEGIA cafrorum:** Fine, lighter green than the above small pointed leaves, makes showy plant\$1.00
- HOYA CARNOSA variegata:** Leaves have white margin. Leaves are heavy, blossoms are white with red center75
- HOYA CARNOSA exotica:** Like one above except the variegation is in the center of the leaf .75
- HOYA CARNOSA green:** Some splashed with white75
- PHILODENDRON SODIROI:** Unusual small Philodendron, leaves splashed with silver\$1.00
- PHILODENDRON SATIN SHEEN:** Dark rich green medium heart shaped leaf with soft satin surface65
- POTHOS Silver marble:** Silver white variegation .75
- ANTHERICUM comosum:** A pretty variegated plant well adapted for hanging baskets, window boxes and indoor planting. Gracefully drooping foliage with a band of creamy yellow through the center75
- FICUS REPENS:** Evergreen climbing fig, small, dark gray-green leaves. Slender, very vigorous growth75c
- STEPHANOTIS:** A greenhouse vine. Large waxy white flowers\$1.25

DESERT PLANTS

We are offering the following plants in the desert group. We have chosen these for their beauty, ease of culture and rarity. These are of course only a few of the hundreds available and unusual. These with many

others will be available at the greenhouse during this year from April 1st on.

CHRISTMAS CACTUS: Blooms from December to March, flowers rich reddish pink. 3-inch pots .75

THANKSGIVING CACTUS: The rare red orange flowered cactus with Crab Claws. \$1.00

ASTROPHYTUM ORNATUM: Similar to the Bishop Cap but with flexible recurved spines on ribs and numerous pearly white dots on body .50

HARRISIA HYBRID ROBUSTA: Slender curved plants of unusually dark maroon color. Fine for tails .35

MONVILLEA DIFFUSA: Dark green with soft light spines. For tails .35

MAMMILLARIA BOSCANI: Covered with snow white hair, cream colored blossoms and red seed pods .50

ALOE ARISTATA: Thin leaves of dark green,

generously sprinkled with white dots, tapering to a compact rosette of delicate beauty .50

EUPHORBIA sub-mammillaris: Called "CORN COB CACTUS" looks like a small green corn cob .35

PANDA PLANT: tomentosa, soft plush covers plant, has brown dots on edge of leaves, makes a beautiful plant .35

MONTICOLA: golden buttons on a string, rare .35

EUPHORBIA SPLENDENS: Christ Thorn. Red flowers .50

PAPER SPINES: Tephrocactus glomeratus. Instead of spines this cacti sports white ribbons. A real curiosity and a beauty .35

HAWORTHIA fasciata: Zebra. The pointed leathery leaves are banded with snow white raised bands. Makes a fine rosette .35

CRASSULA PYRAMIDALIS: Grows in square columns with laminate leaves. Odd and rare. White flowers .75

New Stock Prices

AFRICAN VIOLETS

SIR LANCELOT: Heavy blooming vigorous growing bicolor, foliage light green. \$1.50

ROBIN HOOD: Dark red bicolor with good dark green foliage, broad flat blooms upper two petals almost black 1.50

RUFFLED QUEEN: Color described as blue burgundy, blossom edges are frilled and ruffled \$1.50

RUFFLED BEAUTY: Semi miniature girl with bronze leaf, center with light red brown shading, bloom similar to bronze girl, good bloomer \$1.50

PINK SHEEN: Pink and white variegated blooms on Azure Beauty foliage \$1.50

PURPLE LACE: Good pliable leaf with very dark purple bloom, fringed in manner of Lacy Girl \$1.50

DAINTY DUTCHESS: Blush cup shaped bloom on Pink Girl foliage, (Won blue ribbon at Nebraska Convention) \$1.50

GROTELL: Trailing specie with light blue bloom \$1.50

BLACK RUBY: Very dark velvet like red blossom, plant has dark neat rich foliage \$1.50

PURITY No. 2: Neat clean foliage resembles Snow Prince, Double white with slight blue touch at center of bloom \$1.50

BLUE CHARM: Blooms white marked and mottled in blue \$1.50

YOARS BEAUTY: Two toned blooms, heavy upper petals dark and distinct \$1.25

YOARS GEM: An unusual two toned bloom, two upper petals small and almost black, heavy bloomer \$1.25

DOUBLE NEPTUNE: Same foliage as the blue but a rich fully double orchid bloom \$1.50

PORTLAND ROSE: A vivid shade of rose with darker eye, something new in African Violet color \$2.00

AFRICAN VIOLET SEED: An unsurpassed strain, these should produce some very unusual plants and some outstanding ones. Available September. Please give time for delivery. Package of about 300 seeds \$1.65

NAJAEIA: An outstanding Gesneriaceae (Zembriana) flowers are freely produced, flowers yellow mottled in red. Foliage like mottled plush \$1.00

GLOXINIA: Plants, special fall offer, mixed all colors, 3 at \$1.00

BEGONIA

MRS. WALLOW: Leaves long, lance shaped, shining dark olive green above red beneath, wavy; flowers pink very attractive \$1.00

CUBAN SPECIE No. 2: Sells on sight, dark green foliage the small leaves wave beautifully, flowers pink tint 75c

ACUMINIATA: Shining dark wavy leaves medium grower \$1.00

PEARL LORAIN: Neat small plant, dark green leaf marked with brown penciling. Choice \$1.25

ALBO-COCINIA: light green unusual leaves with striking red veins \$1.00

DICHORA X LIMMINGHEI: beautiful unusual new plant \$1.50

MARGUERITAE: Medium erect, bushy; leaves medium, hairy; flowers pink 50c

SUNDERBRUCH: A star Beg. thick procumbent rootstalks; seven fingered leaves mottled with bronze and dark green; flowers pink \$1.00

MANICATA-AUREO-MACULATA: Beautiful variegated plant in two toned green and cream \$1.50

STITCH LEAF: choice, leaves light green with veins along margin black \$1.00

RUBY JEWELL CALLA: Fall special 75c

CHRISTMAS BEGONIA: New Karolina, large dark rose flowers strong grower \$1.50

FERNS

ASPELINIUM-BIRDS NEST: unusual broad rippling fronds \$1.00

POLYPODIUM MANDIANTUM: Handsome bluish silver rippling, three fingered fronds \$1.00

LYGODIUM SCANDENS: The choice climbing fern, given a trellis it makes a handsome specimen \$1.00

SELAGINELLA: Caulescens, choice, moisture loving fern, rich dark green, rare \$1.00

TERRARIUM FERNS: Denticulata bright green spreading club moss 65c

UNCINATA: Low bluish creeper, the peacock fern, choice 85c

The two above may be grown in a closed bowl, water only when the bowl does not sweat.

EMMELIANA: May be grown in a bowl or kept moist in a shaded place 75c

CRYTONIUM FALCATUM: Holly fern, fine tri leaf medium size 75c

MISCELLANEOUS PLANTS

HEMIGRAPHIS: A small low growing plant with silvery green leaves, purple beneath has white flower 50c

RED OXALIS: A pot plant, is dormant for a time in winter, very choice 75c

CISSUS discolor: One of the choicest foliage plants, leaves like plush, green, silver and purple. \$1.00

PONDERSOA LEMON: A choice plant, fragrant foliage and flowers with usable fruit. We cannot ship into Cal., Tex., or Fla. \$2.00

FATSHEDRA: Has large 5 lobed classical foliage resembles that of ivy and is carried symmetrically on slender woody stems \$1.00

CEROPEGIA debilis: new, leaf pointed, veined with white, fine climber, can be trained on any kind of trellis, will show any design well 50c
DRACINIA Sanderiana: Small to medium size, leaves highly attractive with broad foliage \$1.00

SUPPLIES

All supplies are sent prepaid unless otherwise stated. Only the ones we have stocked since our regular catalog was printed are listed here.

ROOTONE: A Hormone powder for dipping cuttings before planting. ¼ oz. Pkt. 25c and stamped envelope. 2 oz. enough for 3000 cut-

tings \$1.25
FLORALIFE: Extends the beauty of cut flowers for as long as two weeks, economical size, enough for 30 qt. water \$1.25
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CHLORINE INDICATOR: Shows when harmful chemicals are in water \$1.00
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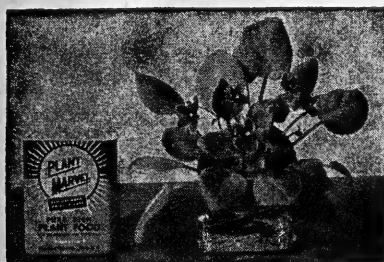
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BLACK LEAF 40: Highly recommended for all kinds of insect pests on growing plants. Kills by contact and fumes. For an added aid in killing use VOLK $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful to each quart of water used. Mix well and spray plants. 1 oz. makes an effective spray when used in 6 gallons of water. (Not for African Violets) 5 oz.....\$1.30

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